



The
BAPTIST
FOUNDATION
OF ALABAMA



Our History


Founded in 1940, The Baptist Foundation of Alabama has provided the tools and resources to help Alabama Baptists prepare for the future. Through its service, The Foundation has grown from an organization with no employees to an institution that administers millions of dollars on behalf of Alabama Baptists. From providing estate planning tools for churches and individuals to ministering to our state's seniors, The Foundation plays a vital role in sharing the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Foundation was chartered in Jefferson County, but moved to Montgomery in 1954, where it remains today. A Board of Trustees consisting of twenty members oversee The Foundation and a President who oversees a full-time staff that manage its day-to-day operations.

Our Mission

While The Foundation has many purposes, its chief function is administering planned gifts benefitting Great Commission ministries and promoting Christian stewardship of estate assets. Created by the State Convention, we stand ready to serve any person who wishes to contribute to Baptist ministries.

The Foundation continues to grow in exciting new ways, helping pave the way for future generations of Alabama Baptists. Recently, The Baptist Foundation of Alabama launched the Kingdom Stewardship Alliance™, a powerful new resource for encouraging and facilitating Christian stewardship.



December 9, 1940
Chartered by the State of Alabama



October 20, 1941
Birmingham named as headquarters

Welcome!

At The Baptist Foundation of Alabama, we believe there is no higher calling than helping churches and individuals share the Christian faith. That’s why, for seven decades, we’ve remained committed to helping Alabama Baptists secure and manage the financial resources our Great Commission ministries need to succeed and grow.

We encourage you to read more about the work of The Foundation. Whether it’s managing the funds for a small rural church cemetery or helping an individual plan their estate to further a Christian ministry, we strive to make our work glorify God. If we can ever be of assistance to you, we hope you’ll feel free to give us a call, write us an e-mail, or pay us a visit. Together in Christ, we are sharing the Gospel in Alabama, around the Nation, and around the World.

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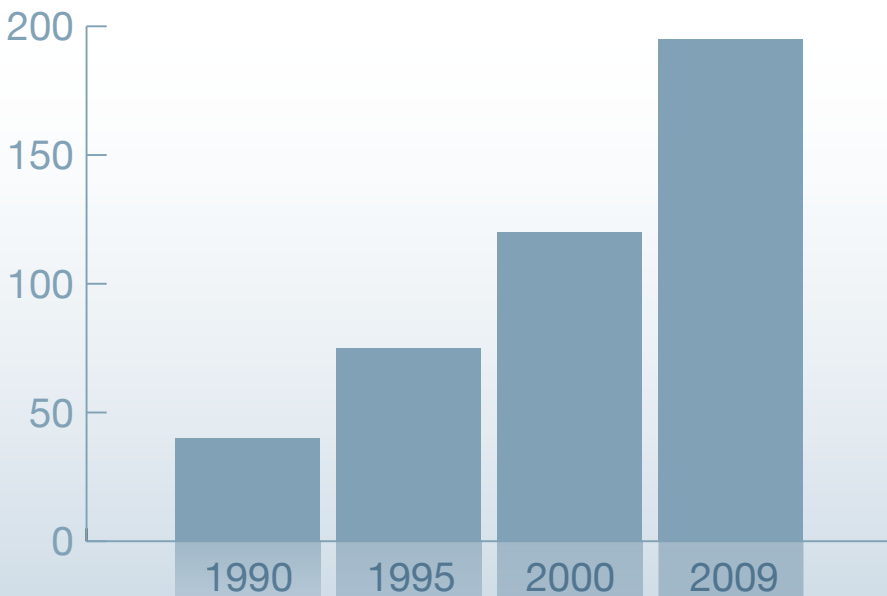
September 1, 1954

Dr. Leslie Wright elected as first Executive Secretary of The Baptist Foundation of Alabama and the office moved to Montgomery

Fund Management

Utilizing an academically sound institutional investment program, The Baptist Foundation of Alabama is responsible for managing in excess of \$100 million in permanent endowment funds. Using this same institutional approach to fund management, The Foundation offers this service to local churches, associations, and Baptist ministries statewide.

Funds placed with The Foundation are managed according to the instructions of the client. The Baptist Foundation of Alabama is committed to maintaining the highest moral integrity when it comes to managing your assets.



Assets Managed by The Foundation Since 1990

January 1966
Foundation reported its first million dollars

December 1968
Foundation reported its second million dollars

Cemetery Fund Management

Throughout Alabama, local church cemeteries serve as an important reminder of our past and an integral part of the Christian life cycle. Preserving these sacred grounds and providing for their future is an important part of honoring our Baptist heritage.

Many Baptist churches statewide rely on The Baptist Foundation of Alabama to manage their cemetery funds. Through careful management, The Foundation can help local churches maintain healthy cemetery funds and prepare for future financial needs.



September 1, 1978
U. A. McManus became
President of The Foundation

May 2, 1985
Dedication of Foundation Office

Caring for Our Elders

The ministry of The Baptist Foundation of Alabama goes far beyond just managing funds. The Foundation also provides a vital ministry to many elderly or disabled clients who can no longer take care of many daily tasks.

Whether the need is scheduling a sitter, making arrangements for doctor visits, or providing for future care and comfort, The Foundation's Eldercare ministry extends a helping hand to hundreds across our state.

"The day I went with The Baptist Foundation of Alabama (TBFA) was a great day. All my family lives away from Montgomery and they all feel great that I have TBFA locally to take care of me. My daughter who died was a client of TBFA and she got me to become a client. The ministry of TBFA is great and I do not know what I would have done without them."

Grace Davis



Grace

June 30, 1988
C. Warren Trussell, Jr. elected as President

April, 1991
Established Alaska/Alabama
Baptist Foundation partnership



Helping Educate Future Leaders

Education is the lifeblood for cultivating future church leaders. That's why The Foundation takes an active role in managing scholarship funds for students attending Baptist colleges, universities, and seminaries.

Each year, The Baptist Foundation of Alabama provides hundreds of thousands of dollars in financial assistance to students attending various institutions of higher learning, including Samford University (Birmingham), the University of Mobile (Mobile), and Judson College (Marion).

“Thank you for your generous scholarship. This money will greatly help me with the education I need to serve the Lord.”

Daniel Birdsong



Daniel Birdsong



April 1991
Principal Assets of Foundation
reached over \$45 million

October 1992
Assets reach \$62,213,000

Kingdom Stewardship Alliance™

“Where our treasure is, there will be our heart also.”— Matthew 6: 19-20

The Foundation recently launched the Kingdom Stewardship Alliance™, a ministry to assist local churches in encouraging Christian stewardship through estate planning. If we believe God is owner of all things (Ps. 24:1), then how we plan our estate becomes an act of stewardship. In fact, it is perhaps the single most significant act of financial stewardship we will ever undertake.

Today, more than seven in ten members of our local churches will die without having so much as a will, missing out on an opportunity to ensure that their worldly wealth reflects their Christian mission to help others and further the work of the church. The Kingdom Stewardship Alliance™ hopes to reverse that trend by providing church leadership with the tools to train and educate individual members.

“This ministry has the missing element to help teach the biblical mandate of being stewards of our estates.”

Rick Evans, Pastor

Dalraida Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama




Charitable Bequests

Through charitable bequests, Alabama Baptists can use local funds to benefit Great Commission ministry work around the globe. These investments minister to the bodies, souls, and minds of some of the world's most vulnerable men, women, and children.

“The Foundation has been such a blessing to me. They helped me to develop an estate plan that provides me with a good income now, but more importantly, I have already planned for a charitable bequest that will be used by my church to continue to minister to others.”

Gertrude “Trudy” McCaig



In addition to helping others, well-constructed charitable bequests can also provide important tax benefits and provide peace-of-mind that funds earned over a lifetime will continue to provide dividends for Christian missions. Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Trusts also are important tools to provide life income and for maximizing the capacity of Alabama Baptists to give to causes dear to their hearts.

A Responsible Investing Partner

Managing funds through The Baptist Foundation of Alabama means more than simply analyzing returns and crunching numbers. It also means ensuring that your assets are invested in funds that reflect our shared Christian values. For this reason, we carefully screen potential investments and financial partners with unquestioned moral integrity.

We recognize that managing the funds of Alabama Baptists is a great privilege that demands responsibility and diligence. Whether it is a multi-million dollar fund from a large church or a small gift from an individual donor, The Foundation will honor and preserve your gift. The Foundation is a proud member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). Being a part of the ECFA is another way The Baptist Foundation of Alabama demonstrates accountability and transparency.



*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*

Great Commission Ministries Supported by Alabama Baptists

The Baptist Foundation of Alabama assists Baptists in supporting any local, State and Denominational Baptist ministry. See below for a list of ministries supported by many fellow Baptists. The Foundation's Office of Development will assist you in creating a "Kingdom" legacy through a life income gift or charitable bequest.

LEGAL NAMES OF BAPTIST AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN ALABAMA

Supporting your local church

The Baptist Foundation of Alabama, Montgomery

Samford University, Birmingham

Judson College, Marion

University of Mobile, Mobile

Alabama Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries, Birmingham

Alabama Baptist State Convention, Montgomery

State Board of Missions, Montgomery

Alabama Baptist Retirement Centers, Montgomery

The Alabama Baptist, Birmingham

Baptist Health, Birmingham

Baptist Health, Montgomery

Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center, Inc.

Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Alabama Baptist State Convention,
Montgomery

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STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS

- The Cooperative Program
- Baptist Student Centers
- City Missions
- Rural Missions
- State Missions



Board of Aid to Students in Church Vocations
Alabama Baptist Historical Commission
Disaster Relief

LEGAL NAMES OF SOME OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION INCORPORATED AGENCIES

Guidestone Financial Resources, Dallas, TX
Executive Committee of The Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, TN
International Mission Board of The Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, VA
North American Mission Board of The Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, GA
Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, CA
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, TX
The Sunday School Board of The Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, TN
LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, TN
Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention,
Birmingham, AL
Woman's Missionary Union Second Century Fund, Birmingham, AL

NOTE: The above list reflects SBC and the Alabama State Board of Missions Cooperative Program agencies and ministries. There are hundreds of other worthwhile Baptist ministries that one may include in their charitable gifting plans. If you have a question, please email The Foundation's Office of Development at tbfa@tbfa.org.

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